

"A Lion" on a Horse.
By T. BROWN.
Here lies a faithful steed,
A staunch uncomplaining "silver grey,"
Who ran the role of life with sprightly speed,
Yet never ran away.
Wild oats he never sowed
Till mottled team once with most just;
Cheerful he bore each light aloft load,
As cheerfully took rest.
Bright were his eyes, yet soft,
And in the main his tail was white and flowing,
And though he never stretched a single draught,
He showed great taste for drawing.
Little were his limbs and clean,
Fitted with legs for dry, dry,
And like Napoleon the Great, I ween,
He drew a martial gait.

On I have watched him grace
His favorite stall, well littered, warm and fair,
With such contentment shining from his face
And such a stable air.
With here and there a speck
Of foam diversifying his broad back,
And many a time, a halcyon round his neck,
Which boded him to the rack.
More comely at length
The hey-day of his life was damped by death,
So summing all his late remaining strength,
He drew his final breath.

From the New York Evening Post.
End of the Fraser River Mania.

The depopulation of California, which has been going on ever since the beginning of the Fraser River excitement, was too violent and unnatural a condition of things to last. As was to be expected, it has come to a sudden end. Nearly every city and county of any size in California has suffered greatly, both from the withdrawal of numbers of its population and from the ruinous downfall in the prices of houses and real estate. Comparatively little was the nature of the prospect for miners, the gold region; but notwithstanding these drawbacks, which should have delayed prudent men, California has for three months been subject to a depletion which has drawn off 30,000 of her population, and will leave hundreds of them to perish from the hardships of travel to the gold region, the jealousy of the Indian tribes, the want of provisions, and the want of money to buy the commonest necessities of life. One would have supposed the Californians—than whom none know more intimately the color and exaggerations that gold digging stories take on—would be the last to be carried away by such unreasonable mania. But they were the first. Happily they were the first to return to their senses.

There are now in New Caledonia, or British Columbia, as it will be called, many more mouths than can be fed by the limited supplies which the exclusive and inadequate trade of the Hudson Bay Company furnish, many more bodies than can be sheltered from the coming winter's cold by the few houses of the traders or the huts of the Indians. For the present year emigration thither is, therefore, unwise, not to say wicked. Whoever reaches there before next spring, will either starve himself or make somebody else starve.

It is a remarkable fact that this sudden collapse of the Fraser River mania followed hard upon news confirming the richness of the dry diggings, and was not hastened by any adverse news from the river-bed diggings. It is clearly the natural and healthy reaction from a very unnatural and unhealthy excitement, which, if long continued, would have retarded the prosperity of California materially.

The reliable information concerning the productiveness of the Fraser River mines, still continues somewhat limited, and will be so until the subsidence of the present high water. Numerous and very profitable dry diggings are said to have been discovered.

An important feature of the news by this arrival is large discoveries of gold in Oregon and Washington Territories. These discoveries, of course, are merely confirmatory of those made several years ago by Indians and the early settlers, and only certify the opinion we have several times expressed, that the gold-producing region would be found in a greater or less degree to include the territory between California and British Columbia. With the added publicity which they will receive at this opportune time, and from their nearness to the Fraser River region, it is more than probable that the miners who find it impossible to sustain themselves in that crowded section, in the lack of tools and provisions, will betake themselves to a less occupied territory, where they may secure both at low prices, and in developing the mineral resources and gold-producing areas of our most northern Pacific States.

A FLEA UNDER A MICROSCOPE.
When a flea is made as large as an elephant, we see all the wonderful parts of its formation, and are astonished to find that it has a coat armor much more complete than ever warrior wore, and composed of strong polished plates, fitted over each other, each plate covered like a tortoise shell, and where they meet, hundreds of strong quills, project, like those on the back of the porcupine or hedge hog. There are the arched neck, the bright eyes, the transparent case, pierces to puncture the skin, a sucker to draw away the blood; six long, jointed legs, four of which are folded on the breast, all ready at any moment to be thrown out with tremendous force for that jump which both men and flies wish to catch him; and at the end of each leg hooked claws, to enable him to cling to whatever he light upon. A flea can leap six hundred times his own length, which is the same as if a man jumped to the height of 700 feet, and he can draw a load 200 times his own weight.

The working days in Switzerland are from 14 to 16 hours. Wages for children 5 cents per day; for women from 16 to 20 cents; men from 40 to 50 cents.

If you would learn to bow, watch a man when he talks to a gentleman of wealth.

SALE OF STATE TAX LANDS.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Lansing, Mich., July 14, 1888.
NOTICE is hereby given, that certain lands situated in the County of Cass, Mich., and described in statements which will be forwarded to the office of the Auditor General, some time in the month of August, will be sold at public auction, on the first Monday of October next, at the time and place designated for the ordinary Tax Sales, if not previously disposed of at this office, according to law. Said statements contain a full description of each tract of land, and may be seen on application to the Auditor General.

LANDS STRUCK OFF TO THE STATE FOR TAXES OF 1886, and other years, at the Tax Sales in October last, will be offered subject to the right of redemption prescribed by law, as well as to the right of purchase of the State Lands at this office prior to the sale.

WHITNEY JONES, Auditor General.

ANNUAL TAX SALES.

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SO much of each of the following described tracts or parcels of land, situated in the County of Cass, delinquent for unpaid taxes, for the year 1887, as will be sufficient to pay the taxes, interest, and charges thereon, will be sold by the Auditor General, on the first Monday of October next, at such public and convenient place as he shall select, in Cassiopolis, the county seat of Cass, Mich., according to the Statute in this case made and provided.

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